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"back in the day if u did a tv show called surf dracula you'd see that fool surfing every week in new adventures but in the streaming era the entire 1st season gotta be a long ass flashback to how he got the surfboard until you finally get to see him surf for 5 min in the finale"

— [Topher Florence](#)

Surf Dracula is a hypothetical TV series hypothesized in [a tweet](#) by [Twitter](#) user Topher Florence on 7 October 2021. The show would be about [Dracula](#) who surfs, obviously, although its streaming-era version would take longer to get there.

Tropes applying to the tweet

- [all lowercase letters](#): No uppercase letter was used in the hypothesis of the show.
- [Ambiguous Situation](#): Does Dracula surf at night because he's [Weakened by the Light](#), or is he a [Daywalking Vampire](#)?
- [Take That!](#): The tweet is a dig towards TV shows in the streaming service era that take a lengthy amount of time to get to the show's actual premise.

Tropes applying to *Surf Dracula*

Both series

- [Character Title](#): Both series would be titled *Surf Dracula* after the main character: surfing Dracula. Implied to be [Protagonist Title](#) as well (despite Dracula's usual role as an antagonist) since the mentioned adventures are his.
- [Dracula](#): A surfing version of the vampire would be the star of both series (presuming he doesn't turn out to be a version of [Vlad the Impaler](#) instead or something).

- **High Concept**: Even if the surfing is downplayed in the streaming-era version, *Surf Dracula* explains its premise from the word "go": it's about Dracula surfing.
- **Iconic Item**: Dracula's surfboard. He would surf on it every week in the old school series, and the streaming-era version would dedicate a long flashback to show how he got it.
- **Our Vampires Are Different**: Dracula is a vampire that can **potentially** go out **in the daylight** and cross flowing water. Given he spends his time presumably at public surfing areas, he also seems to not have a ravenous craving for blood like most adaptations.
- **Rule of Cool**: A surfing Dracula makes little sense, but who wouldn't be there for it?

Old school series

- **Once an Episode**: In the old series, Dracula surfing would be something that happens every episode.
- **Strictly Formula**: Implied. Every episode would presumably follow the same basic shape (Dracula has an adventure), just with a new setup each week.
- **Defictionalization**: Partial: Chase Bridges recapped how the 12-episode first season from 1985 would go [here](#) , dressing in various costumes to portray the more fantastical characters on the show.

Streaming era series

- **Adaptation Expansion**: If you interpret the streaming series as being a reboot of the old series (like [certain shows](#) that the original post was digging at), the sudden large focus on how Dracula began surfing is this.
- **Adaptational Wimp**: While Dracula spends the entire old-school surfing basically **Once an Episode**, it takes an entire season for Dracula to even get on the board in the streaming era.
- **Arc Fatigue**: Stretching the origin story across an entire season would risk this trope, with viewers losing interest before Dracula ever gets to surf.
- **Flashback**: Exaggerated. The entire first season would be a flashback showing [how Dracula becomes the Surf Dracula](#). What exactly the **Framing Device** would be is unclear.
- **Iconic Attribute Adoption Moment**: There would be a moment in the first season finale where the non-surfing Dracula would finally surf on his iconic surfboard like he always would in the old school series.
- **Story Arc**: The entire first season would be one continuous narrative (Dracula's path to getting his surfboard) rather than self-contained episodes.

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